IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

IN RE:		Case No.:19-05016-EAG
HARRY SANTIAGO FELICIANO,		Chapter 7
Debtor.		Chapter 7
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TRUSTEE'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO DEBTOR'S "MOTION REQUESTING CONVERSION TO CHAPTER 13" (DKT. No. 8) AND TRUSTEE'S REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE ORDER GRANTING CONVERSION (Dkt. No. 9)

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, NOREEN WISCOVITCH RENTAS, respectfully responds in opposition to the Debtor's Motion for Conversion to Chapter 13 (Dkt. No. 8) and requests the Reconsideration of the Order approving the conversion to Chapter 13 (Dkt. No. 9) and in support, states:

- On August 30, 2019, Debtors filed a voluntary Chapter 7 Petition under the Bankruptcy Code. The undersigned was appointed on this case on August 31, 2019.
- 2. At the 341 Meeting of creditors held on September 26, 2019, the Trustee learned from reviewing Debtor's documents related to the purchase of a 2019 Toyota Yaris, that within 90 days prior to the Bankruptcy Petition the Debtor:
 - a. Purchased a 2019 Toyota Yaris on July 18, 2019, from Furiel Auto
 Corp. The Debtor took possession of the vehicle that same day.
 - The Debtor purchased the vehicle by applying for a Loan with Popular Auto, LLC.

- c. Popular Auto, LLC presented to the Department of Motor Vehicles the request to impose a chattel mortgage and/or lien on the 2019 Toyota
 Yaris on August 23, 2019. See <u>Exhibit A</u>.
- 3. It is the Trustee's position that Popular Auto, LLC failed to perfect its security interest within 30 days as required under 11 U.S.C. §547(c)(3)(A) and (B). That is, within 30 days after the Debtor received possession of the motor vehicle. Since the creditor did not perfect its security interest within 30 days, then any perfection after the 30 days will be considered a transfer within the meaning of Section 547. See Section 547 (e)(2).
- 4. Because the Trustee intended after the 341 Meeting to bring an avoidance action for because the security interest was attempted to be perfected after the 30 days of possession had lapsed; the Trustee requested the turnover of the motor vehicle from the Debtor.
- 5. The 2019 Toyota Yaris was then turnover to the Trustee by the Debtor and it is in the Estate's possession until a determination of the Court on the untimely perfection of the security interest by Popular Auto, LLC.
- 6. In order to avoid these actions by the Trustee, the Debtor moved immediately (shortly after the 341 Meeting) to convert to Chapter 13. Clearly such action was in Bad Faith.
- The Order granting conversion was entered the very next day, without giving the
 Trustee an opportunity to be heard.
- 8. If the Trustee is successful avoiding the Transfer to Popular Auto, LLC, she can then sell the vehicle and repay creditors.

- 9. To date, the Debtor has not demonstrated that he has disposable income to fund a plan. To the contrary Schedule J shows a deficiency of \$-21.58. See Dkt. No. 1
- 10. It is clear that the Debtor filed the Motion to Convert in bad faith. He has not shown at *prima facie* that He is able to confirm a plan. According to Schedule I and J, Debtor does not have any disposable income and there is no surplus income to commit to a payment plan under chapter 13.
- 11. The Debtor is impeding the administration of assets of the Estate by the Chapter7 Trustee by converting the case to Chapter 13.
- 12. In the alternative, if the Court was to determine that the Debtor should be allowed to stay in Chapter 13, and if the Debtor fails to confirm a plan, then the Trustee respectfully requests that the case is reconverted to Chapter 7 instead of being dismissed.

WHEREFORE, Noreen Wiscovitch-Rentas, Chapter 7 Trustee, respectfully requests for the Court to vacate the order granting the conversion of the case to Chapter 13 and reconvert to Chapter 7 or, in the alternative, if the Debtor fails to proposed a confirmable plan or complete a Chapter 13 Plan, then the case should to be reconverted to Chapter 7.

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and may be granted unless: (1) the requested relief is forbidden by law; (2) the requested relief is against public policy; or (3) in the opinion of the court, the interest of justice requires otherwise. If you file a timely response, the court may - in its discretion - schedule a hearing

I HEREBY certify that a true and correct copy of this document has been sent by CM/ECF service to all parties so subscribed and the Debtor, Harry Santiago Feliciano, HC 2 Box 6025, Adjuntas, PR 00601, Debtor's Counsel, Lcdo. Luis Colon Flores, at bufetecolonflores@gmail.com and to all parties on the attached list, this 29th day of September 2019.

/s/ Noreen Wiscovitch-Rentas
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